House Resolution No. 1776

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Jennifer Miller of Bridgeton has attained considerable distinction as a civic leader, a community activist, a former educator, and the president of the Kids Smart nonprofit organization; and

Whereas, Jennifer Miller recently enhanced her already impressive record of achievement when she was nominated for the prestigious DeVerne Lee Calloway Award which is given annually by the Women Legislators of Missouri organization in honor of Missouri's first African-American woman state representative; and

Whereas, the DeVerne Lee Calloway Award is presented to a Missouri woman whose commitment and determination have resulted in highly positive contributions to equality and social justice by furthering legislation related to equal opportunities for all Missourians in education, housing, employment, and other important aspects of society; and

Whereas, Jennifer Miller has helped model Kidsmart in Saint Louis on successful operations of other teacher's free stores throughout the United States in light of the facts that many families cannot afford school supplies for their children, national statistics indicate that teachers spend their own money to supply students and classrooms with necessary materials, and businesses and individuals routinely discard surplus, obsolete, or slightly used merchandise; and

Whereas, Jennifer Miller operates Kidsmart to serve the neediest students in the Greater Metropolitan Saint Louis area through a mission to transfer at no cost the community's surplus supplies and merchandise into the hands of teachers for school children in need:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved nomination of Jennifer Miller for the DeVerne Lee Calloway Award and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Jennifer Miller of Bridgeton, Missouri.

Offered by
Representative Sharon Sanders Brooks
District No. 37
I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1776, adopted April 4, 2005.
Rod Jetton, Speaker